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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 4, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 4, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in view of the herein contained remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this Response.